

For purposes of clarification, L can be attached to a G² carbon atom that is *ortho*, *meta*, or *para* relative to the G² carbon atom bearing the optionally substituted phenyl G³ ring.

Finally, Applicants wish to address the Office's assertion that the present claims "lack a significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art" and the Office's reliance upon Nicolet, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1930**, 52, 1192-1195 (Nicolet) with respect to this assertion. Nicolet discloses compounds in which there is a two-carbon linker between the thiohydantoin ring and the amide carbonyl. In contrast, the present claims require that only one carbon (i.e., -C(R²)(R³)- in formula (I)) can be interposed between the hydantoin ring and the amide carbonyl. As such, the present claims do indeed have a "significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art." The Office's reliance upon Nicolet is therefore misplaced here.

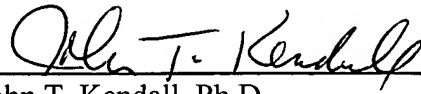
CONCLUSION

If this proposed group is not acceptable to the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact their undersigned representative to discuss the restriction groups or this election. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy. To the extent the Examiner allows Applicants to elect the proposed group, the election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a \$120 check for the One Month Petition for Extension of Time Fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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